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**"NAVARRE PLAN" -- PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- I. Retake initiative during summer 1953 with about six offensive operations; only two were carried out.
- II. Take offensive in north in fall 1953 to forestall enemy attack; conduct fall-winter campaign in offensive manner by attacking flanks and rear of enemy, and seize the initiative before the end of the present fighting season.
  - A. Viet Minh may have been thrown off balance temporarily by operation Mouette last November, but they have regained initiative in absence of sustained French action.
- III. Recover French units from non-battle areas.
  - A. Some success at first, after Na San was evacuated. But shortly thereafter defense of Dien Bien Phu, Luang Prabang and other points brought about even wider dispersal.
- IV. Regroup forces eventually into larger units, build up Vietnamese forces. These objectives in general being accomplished on schedule.
- V. Clean-up of southern Indochina in 1954.
  - A. Operation in southern Annam is moving on schedule, but Viet Minh have merely withdrawn and may try to return; meanwhile, conditions in Cochinchina have

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- VI. Break the back of Viet Minh resistance in 1955 by decisive victories, reducing war to guerrilla scale.
- VII. Although Navarre admits Laos invasion may have thrown some of his plans off schedule, he still maintains he can achieve victory in 1955.

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